

United States Department of Agriculture

Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service

Washington, DC 20250

Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, <u>all</u> vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-305

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: November 17, 2005

Canned Juice, Announcement FV-305, Invitation 025

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned juice as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the Child Nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central time, Thursday, December 1, 2005. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, December 15, 2005. Deliveries are to be made from January 16, 2006 through April 30, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Concord Grape Juice, KOSHER 8/64 oz. bottles 8,800 cases

Note:

This Invitation contains line items identified as "Kosher Only". Offerors must not bid on these purchase units unless they are properly certified to produce Kosher products. Vendors must comply with the applicable dietary (KOSHER) laws as established by the "613 COUNCIL OF KASHRUTH."

Vendors receiving contract items identified as "KOSHER" must contact the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York at telephone 646-472-5365. A rabbinic supervisor will be sent by the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York to visit the plant to certify compliance with the applicable dietary (KOSHER) laws.

- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.
- The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the current crop year or later.



- No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation
- All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.
- On "BKLYN/CEN ISLIP NY" destinations, shippers are instructed to call the
 contact person on the Notice to Deliver first prior to making an appointment,
 so that they can be directed to which warehouse they will ship the product.
- Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable
 as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug
 Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability
 of the product.

Note: Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is http://orca.bpn.gov. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes which translates into a connection of https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-305, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Canned Juice dated April 2004, CID A-A-

20327 (for cranberry/apple juice), or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-305, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV305

INVITATION: 025

COMM GROUP: 32 FRUIT JUICE CANNED

COMM TYPE: 22 JUICE, GRAPE, CONCORD, KOSHER

PACK SIZE: 64 8/64 OZ BOTTLES

	DESTINA CITY		TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)		
DELI	VERY PERIOD	01/16/0	6 - 01/31/06			
001	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	2,200		**Kosher
002	MCALESTER	OK		1,100		(Non-Kosher)
DELI	VERY PERIOD	02/01/0	6 - 02/15/06			
003	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,100	According to the contract of t	**Kosher
DELI	VERY PERIOD	02/16/0	6 - 02/28/06			
004	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,100	-	_**Kosher
DELI	VERY PERIOD	03/01/0	6 - 03/15/06			
005	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,100		**Kosher
DELI'	VERY PERIOD	04/16/0	6 - 04/30/06			
006	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	2,200	-	**Kosher
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION

8,800

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